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Column One
BY David Courtney

THE Geneva Conference begins next Monday. The NATO Council is due to meet in Paris today. Between today and Monday, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Eden and M. Bidault will try again to align their varying Far Eastern notions to a common policy. What Mr. Dulles won from London and Paris ten days ago was hardly a victory even by the terms of the first announcements. Today it seems to have been less than that, and to have become, thanks to the indiscretions of Mr. Nixon and his auditors, an embarrassment. Mr. Dulles has done what he can to wipe out the effects of the Vice-President's alarming forecast of American intervention in Indo-China, which at the same time implied a threat to any agreement which France might be able to bring about at Geneva. But Paris is still worried, and it is unlikely that M. Laniel and M. Bidault will dare budge from their policy of keeping "liberty of action" at next week's portentous talks.

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IT is difficult to know what it is that has suddenly whipped up Washington's excitement about Indo-China. The London "Times" has suggested that the apparent crisis may be less Indo-Chinese than domestic American. The Administration would seem to be playing to its internal Republican gallery, part of which is becoming bored by the spectacle of "dragging feet" and wants to see the stage filled with action. In this it seems to have Admiral Radford on its side, who said recently that he had four aircraft carriers available and would recommend their use off the coast of Indo-China; and there is strong support for the idea of *de facto* belligerency between the United States and China, with a light coastal blockade of the Chinese mainland. If pressure of this kind is as heavy as it seems, it would obviously be difficult for Mr. Dulles to welcome the possibility of Franco-Vietminh negotiations at Geneva, which would have the effect of leaving the Vietminh in control of part of Indo-China and of strengthening Anglo-French arguments for the seating of China at U.N.

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DIEN Bien Phu is, of course, a fierce and significant battle and its probable outcome is naturally another cause of anxiety in Washington. But America's worries may in fact be due less to the battle itself than to its revelation of error on the part of U.S. intelligence, which, from all accounts, estimated several weeks ago that the manpower available to the Vietminh General Giap had shrunk to a mere handful of trained men supported by a rabble of press-ganged peasants. Events have shown that General Giap has been able so far to replace his heavy casualties and tired battalions from well-disciplined and efficient reserves. It is not suggested that any of the manpower has come from China or that the extent and type of Chinese technical help has materially changed over the past month. The new factor is the surprising number of effectives available to General Giap from his own reserves.

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BUT the real trouble would seem to be the prospect — perhaps in this context it should be called the risk — of an Indo-China truce. Ho Chi Minh has expressed his readiness to go into truce negotiations; and there has been steady Soviet propaganda in favour of truce for several weeks. M. Laniel, on April 9, repeated to the National Assembly the French Government's willingness to enter into a truce on certain conditions, which he had set out on March 5. With the two forces directly concerned in the war wanting a truce, and with the sponsor of one of these two forces backing that desire, a truce must be considered as at least a reasonable possibility. The question is whether the United States, as the sponsor of the other direct combatant, wants a truce. It certainly does not want it badly enough to pay for it with American recognition of China while France gives French recognition to Vietminh. And that, perhaps, is what is worrying Mr. Dulles. Between the devil of what Mr. Nixon would call French defeatism (in spite of high courage at Dien Bien Phu) and the deep blue sea where Admiral Radford keeps his aircraft carriers, Mr. Dulles can find no rest.

Jerusalem, April 23.

AMMAN BARS JOHNSTON

The Jordan Government has officially informed the U.S. Government that Mr. Eric Johnston's entrance into Jordan on his forthcoming Middle East tour would not be permitted, "A.-Diffa" reports.

Tito Sets Conditions For Joining EDC

BELGRADE, Thursday (Reuter). — President Tito said here today that Yugoslavia would be ready to participate in the European Defence Community, if it were founded on a broader, non-selfish and not purely military basis.

Addressing a mass meeting on his return from Turkey, he said Yugoslavia looked positively on the E.D.C. project. However it must not be of a purely military character, but should be on a firm and realistic basis to overcome the contradiction existing among its members.

Marshal Tito added that his country understood Turkey's obligations under the Atlantic Pact and the difficulties existing among some NATO and E.D.C. members. The Turks, on the other hand, understood Yugoslavia's difficulties, and the reasons why she could not join NATO.

In his speech Tito said he regretted that "a near neighbour" (Italy) was exhibiting hostile intentions by speaking against Yugoslavia and linking the Balkan alliance with the Trieste dispute. He said Yugoslavia wanted good relations with Italy and a solution of the Trieste problem.

"In that respect we have already made sacrifices and have gone to the last extreme. Nevertheless their intention is clear — they want to isolate us as others wanted to isolate us a few years ago. But we shall shatter these attempts as we have shattered their former attempts."

Yugoslavia is prepared to make definite concessions in the hope of securing agreement with Italy on the Trieste question, according to London diplomatic quarters here.

The present Yugoslav standpoint in the Trieste issue was understood to have been outlined here yesterday to Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden by the Yugoslav Ambassador, General Vladimir Veledit.

Britain and the U.S. have been in contact with Yugoslavia for several weeks about the possibility of a new approach to the Trieste question. Italy is to be told the results of this sounding soon.

The Italian government is understood to believe that a solution of the Trieste deadlock is essential if Italy is to ratify the European Defence Community treaty.

Rain-Makers Join Dien Bien Phu Fight

SAIGON, Thursday (Reuter). — The French High Command plans to bog down Vietminh supplies around besieged Dien Bien Phu by making artificial rain, it was announced here tonight.

A spokesman said successful experiments in rain-making had been made near the Laos-Cambodia-Annam borders, but conditions around the fortress were as yet unfavourable. The experiments had been so successful that planes had to reduce speed to avoid damage by hail, he added. After each experiment it had rained for about two hours over a radius of 20 km.

Vietminh Close in On De Castries' Hq.

HANOI, Thursday. — Vietminh shock troops, tightening their grip on the shrinking French positions at Dien Bien Phu, were today only one kilometre from General de Castries' underground command post.

Bad weather prevented French planes from dropping supplies and reinforcements to the besieged garrison.

During the night the rebels brought up machine guns to the barbed wire surrounding one of the outposts of the fortress sending a hail of bullets from both sides against squads trying to get food and ammunition through. General de Castries thereupon ordered a trench to be dug right to the outpost thus rejoining it to the main fortress.

Vietminh General Giap is thought to have decided to try to split up the stronghold into separate pockets of resistance rather than launch another all-out attack. By these tactics he has already succeeded in forcing the French to abandon the north-western outpost of the fortress.

Meanwhile, the rebels, in a spectacular bid to cut off the flow of supplies from the port of Haiphong to the airbases around Hanoi from where they are flown to Dien Bien Phu, threw over 2,000 men into the war's biggest ambush in the Red River Delta. The French High Command reported heavy casualties on both sides during a three-hour battle.

The U.S. Airforces announced today that American planes ferrying French troops to Indo-China would neither land nor fly over Indian soil. This follows an announcement by Mr. Nehru that India would not permit the ... troop-carriers to fly over her territory. *(Reuter, UP)*

Yoshida Names New Justice Minister

TOKYO, Thursday (UP). — Premier Shigeru Yoshida tonight chose State Minister Ryogoro Kato as the new Justice Minister succeeding Takeru Inukai who resigned because of his "difficult position" in the Government-procurators dispute.

The sudden development reflected the fluid situation governing the scandal-rocked Japanese political scene today.

Mr. Inukai submitted his resignation yesterday following his refusal to permit the arrest of Liberal Party Secretary-General Kisaro on charges of bribery. Mr. Inukai said he chose to resign because of his "difficult position" in failing to control the procurators investigating the snowballing ship-building scandal.

Begin Certain As Herut Party Chief

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — As the final session of the national convention of the Herut Party continued late this evening and into the early morning hours, it seemed certain that Mr. Menahem Begin, M.K., would be re-elected head of the Party.

One of the main discussions at the final session centred around Herut-sponsored National Labour Federation. The heads of the Federation came under attack for sponsoring a programme similar to that of Histadrut. Observers expected that the dissolution of all the Federation's activities would be requested, except for the Sela housing company.

The party's stand at the general elections was also discussed.

West Asks for Details On Russia's NATO Bid

PARIS, Thursday (UP). — The Big Three Foreign Ministers agreed today to ask Russia just how the Soviet offer to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation would work.

U.S. Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault approved a new note to the Kremlin which will invite Russia to spell out in detail its surprise bid to join NATO.

The text of the Western reply was not made available and few details were made known in advance of tomorrow's NATO Council meeting at which all member powers will be asked to read and approve the note.

New Swiss Envoy Meets President

The emergence of the State of Israel is "one of the most interesting experiments of modern history; it is an experiment which the Swiss people follow with great interest," Dr. Fritz Hegg told President Ben-Zvi yesterday in Jerusalem before presenting his letters of credence as the new Swiss Minister to Israel.

In his reply, the President stressed the traditional spirit of friendship that had existed between the Swiss and Jewish peoples even before the establishment of the State.

Spirit of Freedom

It was not accidental, the President noted, that the first steps of the Zionist Movement, that many of the Zionist Congresses, took place on Swiss soil which is "permeated with the blessed inspiration of the spirit of freedom and noble democracy."

Present at the ceremony were Prime Minister Sharett; Mr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry; Mr. Emil Najjar, head of the West European Division of the Ministry; Mr. Ra'anan Silver, head of the President's Office; Sgan-Aluf Yosef Carmel, the President's Aide; and senior Government officials.

Dr. Hegg, who was accompanied by Mr. Pierre Cuenoud, Attache at the Swiss Legation, was presented by Dr. Michael Simon, Chief of Protocol.

Tass Reporter In Canberra 'Vanishes'

CANBERRA, Thursday (Reuter) — The Tass (Soviet news agency) correspondent in Canberra, Mr. V. Antonov, who was last night reported to have been recalled to Moscow, has "vanished" from his flat and was reported to be staying at the Soviet Embassy.

Observers believe that Mr. Antonov figured prominently in the disclosures made by the self-exiled Soviet diplomat, Mr. Petrov, about Communist espionage activities in Australia. Australian security agents were said to regard him as the main contact between the Soviet Embassy and its local agents.

It was believed that Mr. Antonov would be sent back to Russia shortly. A security screen has meanwhile been thrown around Mrs. Petrova who is on her way back from Darwin to rejoin her husband.

An official of the Soviet Foreign Ministry, Mr. Ivan Moissev, arrived at Fremantle in Western Australia today on his way to Canberra to take up a post at the Soviet Embassy.

Russian Secret Service Officer Asks Asylum

BONN, Thursday (UP). — A Soviet secret police captain and two East German assistants on an alleged assassination mission in Western Germany have surrendered to the U.S. authorities and have asked for asylum, it was disclosed today.

The Russian, Captain Khokhlov, told a press conference that he and his assistants had been specially recruited to kill a Russian emigre, named Okolovich, who was at present living in Frankfurt. He said they had undergone intensive training before being sent out on their mission.

He also gave details about changes in the Soviet secret service after the death of Marshal Stalin and the execution of Mr. Beria, as well as on the assassination of Leon Trotsky in Mexico during World War II.

2 Dead, 4 Injured In Train-Truck Crash

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — Two soldiers were killed and four seriously injured when a military lorry collided with a train this evening at the railway intersection on the new Yazur-Ramat Gan road.

The dead and injured were taken to Tel Hashomer Hospital. Their families have been notified. *(Hirsh.)*

STEAL OATS, BARLEY

BEERSHEBA, Thursday. — Infiltrators from the Gaza Strip last night reaped 300 dunams of oats and 60 dunams of barley belonging to Kfar Aza. Tracks of many men, camels and donkeys were found. The value of the crops is estimated at IL.8,100.

Marauders also stole IL.800 worth of straw baled in Be'eri fields.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The Persian Prime Minister, Gen. Zahedi, last night told the Majlis that his Government would seek an oil agreement with the "consortium" of eight international companies in strict accord with the ... Iran.

French Seal Off Arab Area of Casablanca

CASABLANCA, Thursday (UP). The Sultan of Morocco and the powerful Pasha of Marrakesh met in Rabat today to discuss the stern measures taken by the French to wipe out terrorists in Casablanca and Marrakesh.

The French, aided by Berber troops, have sealed off the Arab district of Casablanca and are making a house-to-house search for terrorists and arms hidden in the old quarter.

The police said a new terrorist attack took place in Marrakesh last night, when a Moroccan policeman was shot dead.

The French Resident-General in Tunisia, M. Pierre Voizard, has meanwhile returned from Paris with President Coty's reply to the Bey's appeal for the release of the exiled and imprisoned Nationalist leaders. M. Voizard stated that some of the prison sentences might be reduced, but that a general amnesty required the approval of the French Parliament. He added that no new reforms would be introduced until the present ones had been tried out.

Army-McCarthy Battle Begins

WASHINGTON, Thursday (UP). — The hearing of the Senate Investigating Sub-Committee into the dispute between Senator McCarthy and the Army got off to a sensational start today to the satisfaction of the millions who watched the proceedings over television.

The Army claims that the Senator and his assistants used illegal methods to try to obtain a commission for a former sub-Committee consultant, Mr. David Schine, while Senator McCarthy alleges that the Army used the Schine affair to make him stop his investigations against certain Army personnel.

The first witness today was Major-General Miles Reber, who testified that he had never before been put under greater pressure than by Senator McCarthy and his assistant Mr. Roy Cohn in their requests for a commission for Mr. Schine. General Reber, who at the time acted as liaison officer between the Army and Congress, said he did everything in his power to help Mr. Schine, but the application was turned down by the competent Army authorities.

Senator McCarthy accused General Reber of being biased because of a dispute last year between his brother, Mr. Sam Reber, who was then Acting U.S. High Commissioner in Germany, and Messrs. Cohn and Schine who were on an investigating mission.

The Senator was called to order when he tried to introduce his dispute with the Army over the employment of "security risks" at Fort Monmouth, N.J., Signal Corps centre.

Tonight, Mr. Cohn will cross-examine General Reber on the Senator's behalf.

The next witness is expected to be the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Walter Bedell Smith. The Sub-Committee refused to say what connection he had with the case.

Yesterday, Senator McCarthy alleged that the whole case against him had been inspired by the Assistant Secretary of Defence, Mr. Struve Hensel, to avert an investigation by the Sub-Committee into Mr. Hensel's own alleged misconduct.

Mr. Hensel categorically denied the charges and was backed up by the Secretary of Defence, Mr. Charles Wilson.

Ike Says U.S. Will Win Cold War

WASHINGTON, Thursday (UP). — President Eisenhower told the Convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution here tonight that the U.S. would win the cold war and would prevent a hot war through "indestructible spiritual unity."

Later in New York he called on the American Newspaper Publishers Association to lead a crusade for greater international understanding and co-operation.

"All our efforts," he said, "must be bent to the strengthening of America in dedication to liberty, in knowledge and comprehension, in dependable prosperity widely shared, and in adequate military posture. This strength must be devoted to the building of cooperative peace among men."

Vyshinsky Not Retiring

NEW YORK, Thursday (Reuter). — The Soviet delegate to the United Nations, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, said today he was going home to the Soviet Union on May 5 "on leave" and hoped to return to his post in New York in about six weeks.

Asked about a report in "The New York Times" that he was retiring and would not return to the United Nations, Mr. Vyshinsky said, "The New York Times knows better than I do."

Big Three Reject China as Sponsor Of Geneva Talks

PARIS, Thursday. — The Big Three Foreign Ministers agreed today to send a note immediately to Moscow underlining that the Geneva Far Eastern Peace Conference was called by the United States, Britain, France and the USSR—not Communist China.

The Western note which will be sent tomorrow rejects the Chinese claim that the peace talks starting on Monday will be sponsored by the Big Five.

A French Foreign Ministry worked over all aspects of the spokesman said the Ministers conference including procedural matters. They will meet again on Saturday.

A report from Moscow says the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, will leave for Geneva on Saturday or Sunday. The Soviet delegation will also include two Deputy Foreign Ministers, Mr. Andrei Gromyko and Mr. V. Kuznetsov as well as several Ambassadors and senior Foreign Ministry officials.

The North Korean Foreign Minister, General Nam Il, who will head his country's delegation to the talks, arrived in Moscow today.

One of the senior South Korean delegates, Dr. You Chan Yang, said in New York today that his country's representatives would work closely with the U.S. delegates to achieve their common objectives. These were the re-unification of Korea and the withdrawal of Chinese troops.

The State Department announced today that Mr. Dulles' special envoy, Mr. Arthur Dean, would fly to Seoul tonight to give President Syngman Rhee the latest detailed views of the U.S. Government on the Geneva talks.

(UP, Reuter)

Allies to Ignore Proposal For All-German Units

BONN, Thursday (UP). — The three Western High Commissioners in Germany do not plan to send a detailed reply to the latest bid of their Soviet counterpart for the establishment of all-German committees to deal with East-West relations in Germany, Western sources said yesterday.

The Soviet authorities had rejected Western proposals that experts of the four occupying powers should meet to ease the situation in the field of transport, inter-zonal trade, communications and the free flow of public information.

The East German parliament has meanwhile sent another appeal to the West German Bundestag to join a declaration demanding the outlawing of all atomic weapons.

100 Zionists Said Jailed Secretly in Rumania

LONDON, Thursday (INA). — More than 100 men and women, prominent in Rumanian Zionist affairs, have been tried behind closed doors during the past few months, it was learned here today from a most reliable source.

Most of them were sentenced to long prison terms on charges of treason and Zionist activities.

Among them was Mr. Armand Mark, formerly a member of the Hashomer Hatzair Executive in Rumania, who was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment.

7 Nations Favour Brazilian Proposal in Security Council

Jordan Refuses Israel Recognition

AMMAN, Thursday (Reuter). — The Jordan Foreign Minister, Dr. Hussein Khalidi, said today that the Arabs would never accept the existence of Israel or the status quo. Dr. Khalidi was answering questions at a press conference in connection with the recent statement by the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Henry Byroade, that the Arabs should accept Israel.

Israel, he maintained, would soon vanish like the "morning mist." He alleged that were it not for Moslem tolerance not a single Jew would now be living in the East.

He added that the Arab delegates had been given freedom of action to withdraw from the Security Council, if it refused to discuss the Nahalin incident separately.

Treaty Obligations

He also claimed that his government had been informed by Britain that the U.K. was ready to carry out her treaty obligations to help Jordan in the event of war, including hostilities with Israel. Khalidi added that Britain had informed Jordan that she did not intend taking the issue out of the hands of the U.N. The whole matter, he maintained, was one of Anglo-Jordan and not Israel-Jordan concern.

(A demand to cancel the Anglo-Jordan treaty and repel Israel "acts of aggression" by force without further relying on the U.N. was included in a memorandum sent by 540 Syrian university students to the Jordan Parliament's speaker, "A-Diffa" reports.)

Khalidi also spoke of the forthcoming Moslem conference in the Old City, for which invitations had already been sent out to all Moslem governments. The conference he said would deal exclusively with Israel-Arab tension.

In Jerusalem, the Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman commenting on Khalidi's statement said it was an additional sign of Jordan's attitude. The Powers now discussing the issue before the Security Council should learn from it which side was in favour of continued feuds and which was striving for a constructive settlement.

Nuri Said Pushing Jamali Out

By JESSE ZEL LURIE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, Thursday. — Reports from Baghdad indicate popular opposition to adherence to the Turco-Pakistan treaty has caused the latest Cabinet reshuffle.

Premier Jamali is being discarded by the behind-the-scenes wire-puller Nuri Said whose Constitution Party holds a large parliamentary majority in favour of Deputy Premier Ahmed Muktar Buban. Buban's forthcoming cabinet will be bolstered by senior members of Nuri Said's party.

Before Buban can accept American arms, which Nuri favours, he must mollify the Press, Shahab intellectuals and left-wingers who strongly favour neutrality.

Neutralism is represented in parliament by only a small minority of Opposition deputies, but must be reckoned with by any Iraqi politician who wants to remain in office and in this world.

Reuter reports Premier Jamali offered his Cabinet's resignation to King Faisal and demanded that the present Chamber of Deputies be dissolved, official quarters said in Baghdad today. The Cabinet will continue in office for the time being.

This follows heavy opposition in parliament in the past four days, and an opposition demand for his immediate resignation alleging he had failed completely in dealing with the flood disaster at the end of last month causing damage estimated at £35m.

Meetings between Premier Jamali, Senator Nuri Said, leader of the parliamentary majority, and other elder statesmen began today in an effort to solve the cabinet crisis.

The rising waters of the Euphrates River during the past five days have brought a new flood threat to Southern Iraq.

The situation was reported to be "grave" in several towns, including Basra.

Irrigation engineers are opening canal gates to divert the river.

Israel Spy Said Taken In Lebanon

A man accused of spying for Israel on Lebanese troop movements was arrested Wednesday night on the Lebanese-Israel frontier, ANA claims in a report from Beirut.

He allegedly confessed. Investigations are now under way to ascertain whether he was a member of a ring, ANA adds.

ASKS DOUBLING OF LEBANESE DEFENCES

A plea to double the present Lebanese L.L.20m. Defence Budget was made on Wednesday night by Emile Bustani, Socialist M.P., ANA reports.

He warned Parliament that Israel has 120,000 well trained soldiers equipped with modern arms.

Sending U.N. Council Unit to M.E. Mooted

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, Thursday. — Still searching for a resolution on the Israel-Arab situation which Mr. Vyshinsky will not veto, the West is discussing the possibility of sending a Security Council sub-committee to the Middle East for good-offices mediation or conciliation, whichever, if any, Russia will accept.

It is my guess that the Soviets do not want any action to further peace and will veto all suggestions.

Major Powers Desire M.E. Settlement

By The Jerusalem Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The reported plan for a general Israel-Arab Conference with the cooperation and attendance of the Western Powers is explained by well-informed sources here as arising from the desire of the major powers for a Middle East settlement, seen against the background of possible Security Council impotence, Israel's desire for direct talks and Jordan's rejection of Article 12 talks.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and Mr. John Foster Dulles, the U.S. Secretary of State, appear to have discussed the "Palestine question" for the first time in a direct manner and to have decided that Israel and the Arabs should be persuaded to sit down together and discuss the problem outside the framework of the Security Council over which the shadow of a Soviet veto now looms in any Middle East discussion.

Break Deadlock

The strategic importance of the Middle East, it is suggested, has brought about the realization that the deadlock of "neither peace nor war" here must be broken.

The Western Powers, it is hinted, are loath to exert too great a pressure on the Arab rulers, backed by inflamed popular demand, to eject these powers entirely from the area. Israel suggestions that any future round-table conference is doomed to failure, as is shown by the example of previous such attempts, because of certain competition among delegates to vie among themselves to prove each to be the most extremist, are countered by the suggestion that the attempt should at least be made again.

There is at present no single Arab statesman, it is said, who is great enough to rise above the common level and implement a policy of direct talks with Israel. None today has the stature of King Abdullah, who was at one time reported to favour such negotiations.

Local Commanders Past

It is understood that the recent letter sent by Sir Francis Evans, the British Ambassador, to the Foreign Minister in Jerusalem was merely a suggestion for the reimplementation of the Local Commanders' Agreement between Israel and Jordan under which local commanders met periodically to discuss any incidents which

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Provides for Debate On Mid-East Tension

UNITED NATIONS, Thursday (Reuter). — Brazil formally proposed to the Security Council tonight a three-point plan to break the procedural deadlock on the prolonged debate over Israel-Jordan tension.

Apart from the Brazilian delegate, the delegates of three nations — New Zealand, Colombia and Denmark — spoke in favour of it. Britain, France and the U.S. gave their approval when it was suggested at the meeting on April 12. Thus, barring a Soviet Union or Nationalist China veto, passage would appear to be assured.

The first speaker at today's session was the New Zealand delegate, Mr. Leslie Munro who supported the Brazilian proposal. Referring to Arab objections to any general debate which did not include a separate discussion of the Nahalin incident, he pointed out that far from wishing to evade a discussion on the incident, the Council should not confine its discussion merely to an examination of the symptoms of the Palestine problem.

Right to Enter Motions

The Danish delegate, Mr. William Borberg, supported the New Zealand view. He said a general discussion of the complaints would give everyone the right to enter draft resolutions at any time and shed the necessary light on the problem for the drafting of any final resolution.

"Only when we have light," he said, "can we act according to the tasks the charter has given to the Security Council to see how we can best maintain peace, or re-establish it where war has broken out."

The Brazilian delegate, Mr. Hugo Gouthier, then formally presented his joint proposal with Colombia which calls for:

1.) The adoption of the provisional agenda;

2.) A general debate in which reference can be made to any or all the items on the agenda; and

3.) No committment at the present stage as to the separate or joint character of any resolution.

Peace Treaties

The Colombia delegate Mr. Carlos Echeverri-Coats spoke briefly in favour of the same proposal. He said he was convinced that the Armistice Agreements could be turned into Peace Treaties in the not so distant future, and it was his ardent desire to see peace re-established in the Middle East.

Dr. Charles Malik, for the Lebanon, maintained that there was no difference between the Brazilian proposal and the original British proposal for a debate on the whole situation. He said that Britain had not moved from its position one iota.

"If said I allow for a general debate, but in its proper place."

Pakistan, which is not a Security Council member, associated itself with Lebanon in the complaint laid before the Council on behalf of Jordan respecting the Nahalin attack.

Notification of Pakistan's action was passed on to the U.N. during the Security Council meeing.

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Did you know that .....
Fifth among Israel's energetic Dollar earners last year was General Tire & Rubber Co. (Israel) Ltd., producing tires for cycles, passenger cars and trucks.
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ECONOMIC CORP-USA
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Social & Personal

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Mrs. Bernstein visited the Fertilizers and Chemicals plant in the Haifa Bay area yesterday, where they were received by Mr. Alexander Goldberg, Managing Director of the plant.

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The Netherlands Minister and Madame Beelaerts will be At Home for members of the Netherlands community in Israel on Thursday, April 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. on the occasion of the anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands.

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The U.N. Chief of Staff and Mrs. Bennike visited Z.O.A. House in Tel Aviv yesterday afternoon, where they were received by Mr. Jacob M. Alkow, Programme Director of the House.

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Dr. Hillel Bendas, of the Research Council of the Hebrew University, has left for the U.S. on a one-year scholarship at the University of Detroit.

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Prof. Bernard D. Shenburg, of the Technion, was appointed chairman of the Photogrammetric Society at its recent conference in Jerusalem.

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Dr. J. Levitt of New York, President of "Taro" Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Haifa, arrived yesterday by El Al for the formal opening of "Taro's" new pharmaceutical plant on April 27. Dr. Levitt is staying at the Zion Hotel, Haifa.

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Mr. Louis Cohen of Liverpool, the conductor, has arrived in Israel on a private visit.

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The Federation of Building Contractors Associations in Israel will hold its Annual Council at the Z.O.A. House on Wednesday and Thursday.

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The Russian Orthodox Ecclesiastical Mission of the Moscow Patriarchate announces that all divine services will take place at the Russian Cathedral Church (the Russian Compound, Jerusalem), from April 23. On the first Easter Day, April 25, a continuous divine service will begin punctually at 12 midnight on Saturday.

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The treatise of Dr. Roman Pretzel, of Tel Aviv, on "A Special Type of Mixed Marriages in Israel," will be read at the General Session of the Seventh Annual "Groves Conference on Marriage and Family," which will take place on April 28-30, at Purdue University, Lafayette, U.S.A.

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Mr. J. Arnon, Director, Department of Budgets, Ministry of Finance, will lecture on "Performance Budget" on Sunday, April 25, at 5.00 p.m. at the Haifa Technion, Hall 12, under the auspices of the Israel Society for Political Science.

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The Faculty of Architecture of the Technion and the Architects' Section of the Association of Engineers and Architects in Israel, are sponsoring a public lecture by Eugene Rosenberg, F.R.I.B.A. and F.R.S. Yorke, F.R.I.B.A., on the subject of "Post War Architecture in Great Britain" to be held at the Technion on Sunday, April 25, at 5.30 p.m.

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Mr. Bernard Cherrick will deliver the second in a series of lectures sponsored by the Israel-America Friendship League on Sunday at 8:30 p.m. at Beit Hahalutzot in Jerusalem. He will speak on "American Jewry after 300 Years."

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The usual Saturday evening dances at the Israel Touring Club, Talbieh, Jerusalem, will be resumed tomorrow. Members, their guests, and tourists are welcome.

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Mrs. Genia Levy, of Jerusalem, has returned from abroad and is receiving her clients at 28 King George Ave. *(Advt.)*

Religious Services

Sabbath begins in Jerusalem at 6.30 p.m. today and ends at 6.44 p.m. tomorrow.

WEEKLY PORTION
(Preceded by Shir Hashirim)
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Haftorah: Shmuel II., 22

JERUSALEM

Yeshurun Synagogue: Tonight: 6.10 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8 a.m.; Minha, 12.45 & 6 p.m. Arvit.

East Wall Shuls (Gan Rehavia): Tonight: 6.15 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 a.m. (Sermon Dr. Phiegg).

Ahdut Israel Congregation Sephardic Orphan Home, Jaffa Road. Tomorrow at 8.30 a.m. Youth Service with Congregational Singing. Sermon: Dr. Shmuel Benston.

Italian Synagogue (Hillel St.): Tonight: 5.55 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8 a.m.

Mosrai Haraw Kook Synagogue (Hapoel Hamizrahi Qr.): Tonight: 5.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 6 a.m. Minha, 12.30 p.m. Arvit, 6.35 p.m.

TEL AVIV

Bath Israel (68 Disengoff Road): Tonight: 6.00 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 7.45 a.m.; Sermon, 9 a.m. Bnei Mizrei Rim (27 Ben Yehuda St.): Tonight: 6.05 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 6.15 & 8.30 a.m., Minha 12.30 & 6 p.m.

Bnei Shivat Zion (5 Bograshov St.): Tonight: 6.05 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8.00 a.m.; Minha, 6.0 p.m. Tonight: 6.0 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8 a.m.

RAMAT GAN

Mahzika Synagogue: Tonight: 6.0 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: Yiskor 7.4[illegible] Minha, 6 p.m.; Arvit, 6.[illegible]

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Yesterday's Press:

Scepticism Shown Towards Latest Scheme for International Parley

Commenting on the semi-official news from London according to which the British Government favours a new international conference to deal with Israel-Arab relations, "Davar" (Histadrut) notes that Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Sir Zafrulla Khan, is the author of the project. The paper does not believe the plan is very original. Neville Chamberlain decided to convene the Arab kings and to let them participate in the "responsibility" for the future of Palestine 15 years ago. The conference had no practical results but it served the British Government with a pretext for publishing the infamous "White Book." The paper thinks that the main aim of the meeting this time would be to cover up the Jordan refusal for direct talks; the failure of the professed purpose of the conference would be obvious to all concerned from the very outset. Similar views are expressed in "Omer" (Histadrut).

"Haboker" (General Zionist) comments on a recent declaration by Mr. Lessing Rosenwald of the "American Council for Judaism." The paper concludes that it was from these quarters that Mr. Byroade got the inspiration for his recent speech.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) stresses the importance of the Asiatic Games and expresses regret that only a diminutive Israel delegation will be able to participate for budgetary reasons. The paper thinks that in this case an extra effort should have been made to ensure the participation of a more representative delegation.

The pro-General Zionist newspapers ("Ma'ariv," "Ha'aretz") took issue with the decision of the Mapai control commission decision against Mr. Livneh. "Ha'aretz" (Independent) asking what a "Socialist style of life" means, says that all workers' party leaders have adapted themselves to a way of life which would have been called "bourgeois" 20 or 30 years ago. The paper does not think that the Mapai control commission is entitled to decide whether the house of a party leader is too luxurious, and generally to interfere in the private sphere of the individual. "Herut" also agrees with Mr. Livneh's reply to the Histadrut Control Commission.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) comments on Mr. Begin's expressed wish to "liquidate" the Kibbutz movement because it does not give the individual members the measure of freedom they require and because it is not efficient from an economic point of view. The paper notes that according to the report of the Bank Leumi the collective sector of agriculture has increased its output by 96% between 1949-1952, while the private sector grew only by 65%.

2 Israelis Start Work In U.S. Farms

SILVER SPRING, Maryland, Thursday (USIS).—Two International Farm Youth Exchangees from Israel arrived in the U.S. on March 24 and have completed an orientation period in Washington.

They are: Mr. Itzhak Feinstein, son of Mrs. S. Feinstein of Rehovot; and Mr. Joseph Levi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Itzhak Levi of Beit Hanan.

The International Farm Youth Exchange, sponsored by the National 4-H Club Foundation and the Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is dedicated to the idea of peace through understanding.

Under the programme, selected rural youths from the U.S. participate in home, farm and community activities by living with farm families in 39 countries throughout Europe, Latin America, Africa, the Pacific area and the Far and Middle East. In return, an equal number of young people from these areas come to the U.S. The length of time is four to six months.

New Kfar Saba Water Pump in Action

KFAR SABA, Thursday. — A newly arrived water pump was put to work here on the eve of Passover boosting the well's capacity to 900 cubic metres per hour. With this pump, the local water wells have a total annual capacity of 10m. cubic metres — enough for drinking water for the whole population and the irrigation of 12,000 dunams of groves and vegetable fields.

Turover Forest Planted Near Masmiya

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — Planting a 15,000-tree forest near the Jerusalem-Masmiya crossroads was celebrated this week in the presence of Mr. I. Turover, of Washington, D.C., and his wife, Batya, for whom the forest is to be named. Mr. Turover is Vice-President of the Zionist Organization of America, and his wife is an active Hadassah leader.

Speakers at the ceremony included the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Peretz Bernstein, and Mrs. Miriam Granott, President of the Hadassah Council in Israel.

Anti-T.B Group Honours British Donors

HADERA, Thursday. — A name plate commemorating British donors was unveiled here on Tuesday at the new Anti-Tuberculosis League Building by Mrs. Emma Blumental of London, who as a member of the Anti-Tuberculosis League in Britain donated a large sum for the building.

Mayor D. Berman and other representatives of the municipality and local health organizations were present.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

Sat. at 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Sensualita. 2nd week.
EDEN: Julius Caesar. Today at 3 p.m.: Prisoner of Zenda.
EDISON: Madame De...
ORGIL: Heligate. Today: Jack & the Beanstalk.
ORION: Slaves of Babylon, 2nd week.
ORNA: Luxury Girl.
STUDIO: Waterloo Bridge, 5th week.
ZION: Anstahan.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

TONIGHT

JERUSALEM: Abramowitch, 21 King George, 4972. Keren Avraham, 25 Trafahia, 2950.
TEL AVIV: Melchett, 50 Sheinkin, 3502. Ben Yehuda, 142 Ben Yehuda, 28838. Fuler, 44 Basle, 22878. Kitajewicz, 23 Hayarkon, 3566. Maccabi, New Maccabi Qr., 67367. JAFFA: Galanica, 19 Rehov 4, 80420.
HAIFA: Briut, 55 Herzl. KIRYAT BIALIK: Bialik, 7230.

TOMORROW

JERUSALEM: Givant, Rehavia, 2532. Amudim, near Egged, 3391.
TEL AVIV (8 a.m.-2 p.m.): Magen David, 25 Allenby, 66426. Fraenkel, 26 King George, 3721. Aliya, 23 Ha'aliya, 62209. Yaffe, 172 Ben Yehuda, 24543. Baruch, Hatikva Qr., 67405. (2-12 p.m.): Kolberg, 25 Allenby, 2966. Ghild, 192 Dizengoff, 24264. Mossenson, 65 Ben Yehuda, 23481. Hygea, 22 Hagdud Ha'ivri, 62583. Baruch, Hatikva Qr., 67405. JAFFA (all day): Levi, 4 Rehov 2, 80104.
HAIFA: Nathan, 31 Yosef, 2964. Weisel Lebanoni, 31 Atzmaut, 3586. MT. CARMEL: 133 Pine, 4713. KIRYAT BIALIK: Bialik, 7230.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. E. Levinger, 40 Mea She'arim, 2377. Dr. E. Tryfus, 22 King George, 2085.
TEL AVIV: Dr. M. Shaham, 1 Syrkin, 25842. Dr. N. L. Sacher, 165 Dizengoff, 26382. Dr. E. Levitan, 11 Hayarden, 66207. JAFFA: Dr. Alcalai, 65 Rehov 4. Dr. Weinberg, 4 Rehov 65.
HAIFA: Dr. A. Cnobel, 94 Pevzner, 3966. Dr. N. Landau, 4 Mahanayim, 6832.

TOMORROW

JERUSALEM: Dr. Y. Shore, 36 Rashi. Dr. Y. Greenwald, Rehov Helena Hamalka, 3399.
TEL AVIV and JAFFA: same as today.
HAIFA: Dr. H. Sherman, 3 Hanaviim, 3434. Dr. N. Landau, 4 Mahanayim, 6832. Dr. K. Golergant, 1 Gilad, 4170. HAIFA tomorrow night: Dr. H. Sherman, 3 Hanaviim, 24324. Dr. N. Landau, 4 Mahanayim, 6832. Dr. S. Hampel, 104 Jaffa, 66325.

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Where to go

TODAY

JERUSALEM

★ **Exhibitions:** —
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel Pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10-1 p.m.
Exhibition of Rembrandt Etchings. Display of old Pessah utensils; Comparative Exhibition of New and Old Art; Exhibit of the mouth: Hand-painted jug by Picasso. 9-1 (tomorrow: 10-1).
"Spring Exhibition of Jerusalem Artists," Artists' House, 10-1, also tomorrow.

★ **Archaeology:** —
Department of Antiquities. Special exhibition: chalcolithic objects from Tell Abu-Matar, near Beersheba, Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1. Tomorrow: 10-1.

★ **Tours:** —
Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Libraries:** —
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamillah Rd. Entrance free. 9 a.m.—12 noon.
Lending Library and Reading Room, Centre de Culture Francaise, 3 Rehov Ben Yehuda. Entrance free. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

★ **Film Shows:** —
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

★ **Recorded Music:** —
"Music to Inspire" Mozart: "Jupiter" Symphony with Toscanini and the NBC Symphony Orchestra. Y.M.C.A. Auditorium. 8.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Exhibitions:** —
General Exhibition of Israel Artists: paintings and sculpture by 210 artists. The Museum. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (Also Tomorrow).

HAIFA

★ **Exhibition:**
Paintings by Amiran Tumari and ceramics by Eva Samuel — "The Triclyn" Art Gallery, 4 Reh. Baerwald, opp. Zion Hotel. 10-1.
Prints by Arthur W. Heintzelman (Boston), sculptures and drawings by Johannes G. Wertheim (Holland), also exhibition rare illustrated editions of the "Haggada" from the collection of Mr. H. Golnitzki, Municipal Museum of Modern Art — Town Hall — 10-1.

TOMORROW

JERUSALEM

★ **Exhibitions:**—
Exhibition of Drawings by Nomi Zuckerman, at the Israel Touring Club, Talbieh. Opening: 11 a.m.

★ **Concert:** —
The Zadikov Bulgarian Choir (120 members); programme: "Ruins of Athens" by Beethoven and works by Handel, Bach, Mendelssohn, Dvorak; Israel, Bulgarian and Russian songs. Y.M.C.A., 11 a.m. Tickets at Cahana.

★ **Recorded Music:** —
Recorded Music Hour: Bernstein: "The Age of Anxiety" with L. Bernstein, L. Foss and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. Y.M.C.A. Auditorium. 11 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Theatres:** —
"New Account," Chamber Theatre Negrabi, 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.
Habimah, "Macbeth," Habimah Theatre, 6 p.m.

★ **Film Shows:**—
"Green Pastures," Beit Lessin, 3 p.m.
Buses Nos: 22, 61, 62.

★ **Drama Reading:**—
"Sein Name Geht Ihm Voraus," Artists' Collective, Bet Hahalutzot, 97a King George St., 8.30 p.m.

★ **Exhibition:** —
Paintings by H. Rotemberg of Boston Kats gallery, 13 noon.

★ **Entertainment:** —
Concert at Noga Cafe, from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight.
Dance and dine at the Cocktail Bar.

★ **Concert:** —
Lorand Fenyves (Violin) with Strings—Bach, Haydn, Schubert. 8.30 p.m.—Museum.

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RAMAT GAN

★ **Theatres:**
Do-Re-Mi, "Victoria and Her Hussar," Rama Hall, 9.30 p.m.

★ **Entertainment:** —
Redley's Ice Revue at the Ritztron, 6.30 and 9 p.m.

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Haifa Port	58	20	38	22
Natanya	72	20	38	22
Tel Aviv North	70	17	36	22
Tel Aviv Port	77	20	35	21
Lydda Airport	81	23	39	24
Jerusalem	30	22	36	23
Beersheba	—	22	—	27
Eilat	15	20	34	32

FORECAST: Partly cloudy. Fair.
°A) Humidity at 4 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp expected today

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THE PRICE of rationed eggs will not rise after the freeing of fodder from control, the Ministry of Commerce spokesman stated in Jerusalem yesterday.

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400 TONS of raisins arrived in Haifa in the m.v. Nifrit from Cyprus yesterday.

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1 . EVADING military duty and for desertion from the army, a number of persons were detained yesterday by the military police in an extensive combout of the Remle cafes. The deserters were transferred to an army camp in the vicinity.

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THE FATHER of a 14-year-old street hawker yesterday filed a complaint in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday demanding that the Municipal Inspector return ten kilograms of peanuts the latter confiscated when he found the hawker did not have a licence.

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BEACONS and a large Star of David will be lit on the Hebrew University and Hadassah buildings on Mt. Scopus on Saturday night, at the end of the Pesaah festival. They will be illuminated at 7.30 p.m. for one hour.

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75 WORKS of ten representative Israel artists will be exhibited at the Biennale International Exhibition in Venice, scheduled to open on June 19, it was announced yesterday at a press conference in Tel Aviv. Mr. A. Kolb, Director of the Tel Aviv Museum will be in charge of the Israel Pavilion at the Exhibition.

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THE ISRAEL team to the Asian sport games due to begin on May 1 in Manila, in the Philippines left on Wednesday night by Cyprus Airways for Nicosia *en route* to the Far East.

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A WING for Jewish National Art at the Ein Harod Museum will be dedicated tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PRINTERS' HOUSE OPENED IN J'LEM

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Printers' House, the new home of the Printers' Union, was dedicated in Jerusalem yesterday in a ceremony attended by the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi. A crowd in a festive mood gathered in the arch-bordered court of the building, formerly a part of the Scottish Hospice on Rehov Hevron, where a permanent exhibition of the country's printing and graphic arts was also inaugurated.

President Ben-Zvi spoke of the "holy work" being engaged in by the workers of the press, through which medium mankind's noble ideas could be expressed. He noted the great progress that had been made by press workers since the founding of the State.

The President expressed his regret that Jerusalem had not become the centre of the country's press. He reiterated his plea that more of the nation's newspapers should be located in the capital.

Among the many interesting exhibits on display is the first printing press in Israel, and the first books printed in Safad (1836) and Jerusalem (1841). The different stages in the preparation of various forms of printing, graphic designing, photo-offset, illustrating, binding and publishing are also shown.

Greetings were delivered by Mr. Reuben Barkatt on behalf of the Histadrut; Mr. G. Rothschild, head of the Graphic Artists' Association; and Mr. M. Bar Am, Secretary of the Jerusalem Labour Council. A selection from the poetry of Z. Shneur was read by Mr. S. Bertonov.

The ceremonies were opened by Mr. Zvi Asaf, secretary of the Printers' Union.

("Hebrew Printers' Guild"—P.8)

RETURNS TO ISTANBUL

Mr. M. Fisher, Israel Minister to Turkey, left by El Al for Istanbul yesterday, after a week's stay in Israel. The Knesset speaker, Mr. Joseph Sprinzak, was at the airport to see him off.

PARCELS

The cooperative for American Remittances to Everywhere (CARE) informs *The Jerusalem Post* that the 200 parcels donated by CARE to needy families in Jerusalem for Pessah contained chocolates and coffee purchased by CARE from Lieber Co. and Moshe Kouris Sons.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Meat for invalids: 500 gr., Medical Assn. coupon dated Apr. 18. Poultry for invalids: Medical Assn. coupons dated Apr. 11, 18. Fillet for labourers: 400 gr., 61.

TEL AVIV: Fresh meat: 100 gr., Het 20, 30, zones 1-5. Herzlia and Bnei Brak; frozen meat in other zones. Frozen meat for invalids: 200 gr., Het Gimel 15. Poultry: 250 gr., Het 36, temp. 44; for invalids: 500 gr., Het Aleph 1 Het Bet 4.

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J'lem Threatened With Electricity Halt

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem municipality has requested a loan of IL.300,000 from the Ministry of Interior following a threat by the Jerusalem Electric Corporation to cut off current unless a standing debt of IL.56,000 is paid by Wednesday.

The Deputy Mayor dealing with financial matters, Mr. E. Eliachar, met the corporation management and demonstrated that the debt had been accumulating over years, and that its exact sum was subject to a Governmental enquiry, according to a decision by the Ministry of Interior.

The loan requested would go towards consolidating debts of the municipal water department, which exceed IL.1m. During 1953/54, the city reduced its debt to the J.E.C. by IL.260,000, and continued during the last few months with regular payment of instalments on the outstanding sum.

The Deputy Mayor also asked the Government for IL.90,000 to replace much of the city pipeline. The installation of new pipes to eliminate leakage has been scheduled for years.

A third request, for IL.90,000 to buy water-meters and equipment on account of the Development Budget; has also been submitted. It was intended to obtain the meters through Reparations goods, but the Herut faction in the City Council has voiced their opposition to using German goods.

Task of British Council Explained

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The task of the British Council was defined here today by its Israel Director, Mr. C. Henschel, as the "projection of Britain" to countries abroad.

Addressing the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, he said that while the scope of the Council's activities throughout the world had recently been cut because of budgetary considerations, it still maintained a full programme of work in Israel, including its main library and reading room in Tel Aviv (the Council's 15,000-volume library in Jerusalem is at present on loan to the Hebrew University); exchanging British and Israel technicians and experts in a number of fields; granting one-year scholarships for study in Britain, holding British examinations in Israel; and the provision and maintaining of professional contacts.

The exchange of personnel had recently included a lecture tour here by Miss A. Digby, of the Plunkett Foundation, lecturing on cooperation; and the despatch to Britain last month of Mr. A. Ben-Dror, the Registrar of Cooperatives here.

Dr. I. Pliskin, of Malben, had visited Britain while Dr. E. Cousin, a noted geneatrics specialist, was coming to visit Israel.

The seven one-year scholarships granted last year were in the fields of international relations, chemistry, mathematics, electrical engineering and others.

Holding examinations here was not undertaken at the initiative of the Council, Mr. Henschel said. Israelis seemed to have a "passion" for sitting for examinations and the Council had been "pestered" by hundreds of persons requesting such facilities.

The Council in Tel Aviv hopes to move to larger premises within the next few months, and to revive its centres in other towns.

It will in future devote special attention to the dissemination of English teaching here, the speaker said.

Rehov Bar-Ilan Dedicated in TA.

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — Rehov Halevanon here was renamed Rehov Rabbi Meir Bar-Ilan this afternoon on the fifth anniversary of Rabbi Bar-Ilan's death.

Mayor H. Levanon cut the ribbon across the street, at the corner of Sderot Rothschild, and the Rabbi's son, Dr. T. Bar-Ilan, unveiled the nameplate. A commemoration prayer for Rabbi Bar-Ilan was held at the Bilu School at the corner of the street.

The former head of the Mizrahi movement in Israel was eulogized by the Chief Rabbis of this town, Rabbis Unterman and Toledano; Mayor Levanon; Mayor Kariv, of Jerusalem; the President of the Mizrahi movement in Israel, Rabbi Z. Gold; and the Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs, Rabbi Y. Rosenberg.

COMMUNIST M.K. BACK FROM BRITAIN

Mr. Emil Habibi, Communist M.K., returned on Wednesday night by KLM from England where he attended the conference of the British Communist Party. The British authorities had refused to extend his stay there, he told ITIM.

NO HACOHEN PASSPORT

No instructions whatsoever have been given to the Israel Consulate in New York to issue a passport to Ruth Hacohen, now in a U.S. prison for smuggling $100,000 worth of diamonds, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday in Jerusalem, denying press reports. reports.

IMPROVEMENT IN BG'S EAR CONDITION

BEERSHEBA, Thursday. — Mr. David Ben Gurion has had an inflammation of the outer ear, but his condition is improving and he may return to work, it was learned here today.

Arab Villagers Cable UN On 'Usurpation of Our Lands'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Thursday. — Mr. Shoukry Khazen, of Binah village in Western Galilee, has sent a cable to the Chairman of the U.N. Security Council protesting "usurpation of our lands by the Israel Government," he informed the Press here today.

The cable accuses the Israel Government of "persecuting the Arab minority, restricting our movements," and appeals to the Security Council to take "effective steps insuring cessation of these Nazi methods."

Some land owners of Binah and the neighbouring Deir el Assad village also sent a memorandum to President Ben-Zvi protesting alleged "usurpation of Binah village." Copies of the protest were sent to the local and foreign press, U.N. members, foreign diplomats and the Israel Ambassador in the U.S.

The protest is couched in violent terms. The 95 published signatories to the protest appear to belong to 12 families.

It was written by Shoukry Khazen and Boulous Hanna Boulous. The latter was exiled to Ramle for 12 months some time ago for resisting the authorities and aiding infiltration.

A *Jerusalem Post* correspondent comments that Binah is a Communist stronghold with marked anti-Israel leanings. Recently, villagers aided an infiltrator to escape the police, and movement restrictions were then imposed on Binah. Anti-Israel agitators exploited the incident to charge that the restrictions were aimed to facilitate the confiscation of land.

(Under the Land Acquisition Law passed by the Knesset in March 1953, land which is being used for security, development or settlement purposes, has been gazetted to be transferred to the ownership of the Development Authority, which has entered negotiations with the original owners, concerning the type, and amount of compensation to be paid for the lands confiscated.)

SAMARITANS BACK FROM PILGRIMAGE TO JORDAN

The 50 Samaritans who crossed into Jordan last week for their ancient Passover rites on Mt. Gerizim, returned to Israel yesterday through Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem.

They had travelled straight to and from the mount without visiting Nablus where the Jordan Samaritans live. The returning celebrants brought coconuts and gifts for kinsmen who had been prevented from crossing by the Jordanians.

The persons forced to stay in Israel met their relatives at the Mandelbaum Gate amid tears and joyful embracing.

Undoubtedly, the most excited couple was a young man from Jaffa betrothed to a girl from Nablus whom he saw for the first time yesterday.

"SONG OF THE SEA" CELEBRATIONS

The "Song of the Sea" service which marks the crossing of the Red Sea by Israel during the exodus from Egypt will be celebrated this Saturday with special ceremonies, the first of which will take place at 6 p.m. on Friday in the Great Synagogue in Tel Aviv when the Synagogue's choir will perform.

At 10 p.m. a public meeting will be held at the seashore at the corner of Allenby and Gaula, and at 11 p.m. a gathering will take place at the Hotel Savoy. On Saturday, the last day of Pesaah, Chief Rabbi J. Unterman of Tel Aviv will hold Open House.

Israel-Made Film To Be Finished This Year

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The full-length locally-made film, "Hill 24 Does Not Answer," will be completed before the end of the year, a spokesman of the Sik-or company, its producers, said at a press tour today in Abde, in the Negev, where scenes for the film are now being shot. *(Itim)*

Kesse Leaves For Rangoon Conference

LYDDA AIRPORT, Thursday.— Mr. Yonah Kesse, Secretary General of Mapai, left last night for Nicosia *en route* to Rangoon, Burma. He will participate in the Asian Socialist Conference, scheduled to open on April 29.

The conference was originally scheduled to be held in Indonesia, but was transferred to Burma when the Indonesian Government refused to permit the participation of an Israel delegate.

TRADE DELEGATES BACK FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Mr. Yosef Zarchin and Mr. Yosef Jacobson, members of the Israel trade delegation to the international fair in South Africa, returned to Israel by El Al on Wednesday night. Mr. Zarchin told an *Itim* reporter that the Israel exhibits at the international fair won considerable acclaim.

ARTONS TO GO ON QUIET HONEYMOON

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — Mr. Peter Arton, who arrived here yesterday as a deportee from Britain, will leave the Dan Hotel tomorrow with his wife to spend a quiet two or three weeks honeymoon out of town.

The police have no official interest in Mr. Arton as he has a clear slate in this country, it was authoritatively learned. The policemen stationed outside the Dan Hotel yesterday were there on their routine posts.

3,500 Chickens Burn At Rosh Hanikra

NAHARIYA, Thursday. — About 1,000 chickens and 2,500 chicks were burned when a fire broke out in the 150 metre long chicken house of Kibbutz Rosh Hanikra near the Lebanese border at 1 a.m. today. The Nahariya Fire Brigade fought the blaze for several hours before succeeding in controlling the flames.

The fire was apparently caused by a short circuit or an overturned paraffin lamp. Damage was estimated at more than IL. 15,000. The loss was covered by insurance.

Stein Memorial Area

An area in Emunim settlement, near Ashdod in the south, was dedicated yesterday to the memories of Mr. and Mrs. Herman and Anna Stein. Present at the ceremony were Mr. Korman, a U.S. lawyer, Mrs. Miriam Granott, and Dr. S. Levy, of the Jewish National Fund.

AN OPEN AIR theatre, "Chen," with 800 seats, was dedicated in Rehovot yesterday. It is the third cinema in town.

Memorial For Petra Victims

BEERSHEBA, Thursday. — A monument to the Petra victims, massacred last year, was erected this week at Beer Menuha on a hill overlooking the Moab Mountains.

The monument, a stone construction six metres high, was built by relatives and friends of the five unfortunate hikers who intended to visit Petra and were killed in Jordan territory.

HAGANA WILL 'CONTINUE TO SERVE STATE'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN, Thursday.—The Hagana Veterans' Association will have important tasks to perform, but their nature could not be those its members longed for, Mr. Shimon Peress, Director General of the Ministry of Defence, told the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Association's Council in Givatayim today.

Military considerations necessitated a different type of organization than Hagana members were used to. But the will to strengthen the country's security, which is appreciated by the Ministry, will be utilized, Mr. Peress said.

Some speakers at the Council said that veterans may do important jobs by aiding cultural and social integration of newcomers.

Acre 'Adopts' Army Artillery Unit

NAHARIYA, Thursday. — The "adoption" of an Army artillery regiment by the Acre municipality was celebrated there in a flag-exchange ceremony on the Haposel sports ground today. Later the regiment held a mobile parade through the town, watched by many residents and tourists who lined the streets.

Claims Jewels Brought On Body Not Taxable

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — Diamonds brought into the country on one's body and not in one's luggage are not liable to customs duties and luxury tax, an immigrant claimed today at the District Court here.

The immigrant, Mr. Ya'acov Schwartz came here in September, 1950, with three diamonds which he did not declare. Some time later he sold the diamonds for IL.1,864 without paying luxury tax.

Mr. Schwartz, who is being sued by the Attorney General for customs duties and luxury tax, told the Court that he had not been asked by the Customs officials to declare what he had brought with him. He pleaded that since the diamonds were on his body he was not liable to any taxes.

POLICE RECOVER STOLEN BARRELS OF OIL

HADERA, Thursday. ... Four barrels of oil, allegedly stolen from the Hamashbir Hamerkazi stores in the Little Triangle, were recovered by police who stopped a pick-up on the highway near Gan Hashomron last night.

The vehicle was driven by a Kfar Saba man, and two Natanya men were its passengers. The three were detained for investigation.

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Unemployed Refuse Jobs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Labour exchanges in Jerusalem, Tiberias, Kfar Saba and many other places are having difficulty in filling employers' requests for manpower, although thousands are registered as unemployed, a Ministry of Labour spokesman reports. The situation stems on one hand from the extra work-days released by the Government and a flood of seasonal jobs connected with the holiday, and on the other hand, from the reluctance of unskilled labour to engage in the lowest-paid occupations.

The Tiberias labour exchange stopped registering unemployed six weeks ago, because they refused to accept jobs in afforestation and other emergency projects. The Jewish National Fund has asked the Ministry of Labour to slacken emergency employment projects where they compete with afforestation plans and draw away manpower. Several gangs occupied with treeplanting had broken up for this reason, J.N.F. afforestation department alleged.

The Kfar Saba labour exchange had to bring them from surrounding areas, because the 80 local unemployed would not take low-paid work in the citrus groves.

Jerusalem has about 1,000 workless registered at the exchange, but jobs exceeded available men on festival eve. The workless include building labourers and industrial and clerical personnel who declined unskilled manual occupations.

The Ministry of Labour intends to cut work-days allocated to urban centres, and transfer them to rural centres. By the end of May, officials predict, increase of unemployment should again have its effect on the town-to-country movement.

F&C Development Finished Next Year

HAIFA, Thursday. — All development projects in the Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. here will be completed by June 1955, and 770 workers will then be regularly employed, Mr. S. Goldberg, the firm's general manager told the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. P. Bernstein, who visited the plant today.

Mr. Bernstein was told that Fertilizers and Chemicals would return the $1.5m. recently granted for development work by the Palestine Economic Corporation, in five to seven years at an interest rate of six to seven per cent annually.

Mr. Goldberg also stated that the firm was now producing annually 80,000 tons of superphosphate with a 14% nitric acid content. Fertilizers and Chemicals are supplying all the three to four thousand tons of sulphuric acid that the country needs each year and would also export 25,000 tons of acid this year.

The Minister recently started regular fortnightly visits to industrial enterprises in the Haifa area.

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A Stimulating Cure for Radiation

TOKYO, Thursday (Reuter). — A Japanese physician said today that three people seriously injured by atomic radiation in the bombing of Hiroshima in 1945 had apparently been cured by a series of despairing drinking bouts.

Dr. Michio Yamamoto, Assistant Professor of Radiology at Okayama University in southern Japan, recently announced that experiments he had carried out indicated that alcohol was effective in curing radiation disease.

Three men had written to tell him that after being seriously injured by radiation in Hiroshima they had become so despondent that they went on heavy drinking bouts. After a short time they found that the symptoms of loss of hair, loose teeth and blotchy skin had completely disappeared.

Psychologists Union Boycotts Meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Third Conference of the Association of Psychologists ended in Jerusalem yesterday with a five-hour symposium attended by 150 students and members, but boycotted by the rival Union of Psychologists, a small professional group including well-known names in the field.

The Union prohibited its members from reading papers at the symposium, which caused a change of programme without damaging the success of the conference.

The audience ranged from child guidance workers to professors and youth instructors from kibbutzim.

Mr. J. Schubert, the first psychologist in Israel to become a member of a school staff, spoke of his work in the Reali School, Haifa.

Professor Z. Vinick, head of the Talbieh Mental Home, recently elected to a Chair of Psychiatry at the University, discussed the functions of different types of mental specialists.

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Ministers to Get Rent-Free Homes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Official residences of Cabinet Ministers are to be rent free as of April 1, the Finance Ministry spokesman confirmed yesterday in reply to a query by *The Jerusalem Post*.

This affects only those Ministers who have homes outside of Jerusalem and receive such residences only during their period of office.

Although no information was available on the number of ministers occupying such residences and the and the amount of rent involved, it is presumed that both figures are relatively small.

ESHKOLS MOVING INTO B.G.'s FORMER HOME

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, and his family are moving their furniture into the former home of Mr. David Ben Gurion in Rehov Ben Maimon, preparatory to their moving into the former Prime Minister's residence.

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SETTLEMENT

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might lead to increased tension.

Such meetings, it is suggested, would help to quiet tempers, would avoid the possibility of major incidents and would give the Western Ministers time to continue their search for an acceptable general solution to the Israel-Arab problem.

While the Arab states have manoeuvred both space and oil resources, both factors which loom very large in any strategic planning in the important Middle East area, Israel, it is suggested, has sufficient friends in all the Western countries to ensure that her interests are not overlooked or pushed completely aside.

Suggestions made by visitors to Israel that the Negev could be used as a base for British forces in place of the Suez Canal Zone are dismissed as general proposals not based on any real examination of the site or of the problem.

'A-Diffa' Asks Ousting Of P.C.C. Personnel

"A-Diffa," Old City daily, yesterday demanded that the representatives of the Palestine Conciliation Commission now in Jerusalem be evicted from the country and that the PCC be prevented from opening a refugee evaluation office in the Old City.

U.S. Offers Jordan $8m. for 'Special Aid'

The U.S. has offered Jordan $8m. for special economic aid, in addition to the $200,000 which Jordan is receiving under the Point 4 Programme, "A Diffa" reports. The $8m are to be used for development projects, including the exploitation of the Dead Sea resources.

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YOUNG OFFENDERS

IT is to be hoped that wide publicity will be given to the conclusions arrived at by the Third Conference of Psychologists which ended in Jerusalem yesterday. Problems vital to the progress and welfare of the State were discussed in an authoritative manner, and incidentally certain misconceptions all too common were salutarily corrected. Thus, for example, the proposition was put forward that hundreds of psychotechnic tests had shown that the intellectual capacity of the children of immigrants from Oriental countries was equal to that of Israel-born children, a finding of great significance for social relations.

Very timely, too, was the paper read on young delinquents, a problem which has been causing the gravest concern. Criminality among youngsters can be due to many different causes: hence, there can be no simple cure. All children are born barbarians and have to be taught to behave like civilized human beings. The first responsibility lies with the parents: but some parents are themselves uncivilized; they are themselves engaged in various forms of clandestine illegality and cannot be expected to teach their children right and wrong. Other parents know what is right and wrong but suffer from excessive sentimentality towards their own children. In other homes, the relations between husband and wife are bitter, and the child escapes to the street, feeling unloved and equally bitter. We have too few public playgrounds, even in our larger cities: in the smaller places, there is little happening to keep children occupied and out of mischief. The youth movements help; but many children are outside them.

The school does not provide the remedy. Many children who in future will turn to crime today are playing truant from school. In many areas the machinery for following up such cases is inadequate. Even those who regularly attend school are often in such large classes that the teachers cannot influence them.

No wonder there are so many "difficult" children around. It is for these cases that the Ministry for Social Welfare runs child guidance clinics in the three larger cities. In order to keep children off the streets, it also sponsors institutions and workshops for young people.

Despite all this, there are hundreds of children on the streets. They engage in wanton damage to property or in petty theft. Sooner or later they are picked up by the Police. What then?

First, if they are not released on bail after they are charged, they are kept in separate cells or even in a remand home pending trial. Second, children are not taken before a Magistrate in the frightening atmosphere of the ordinary Court. They are dealt with in a special Juvenile Court with a special travelling Magistrate, who specializes in such work and visits the different towns as needed.

When the Magistrate hears the case, a whole series of varied treatments is possible. In place of detention, the child can be put on probation under the supervision of a Government Probation Officer.

The next stage is committal of the youngster to a re-education school. There are at present nine such schools in different parts of Israel with a total capacity of 365. Some are for boys, some for girls; most are farm schools, of which one is for Arab children.

If a boy is quite out of hand, he is sent to the Borstal School at Kfar Shmaryahu. This is a penal establishment, but without bars or fences.

But the various institutions mentioned above do keep a great many children out of gaol and the embittering gaol atmosphere. A great many turn over a new leaf and become useful citizens. We will need a Borstal School for girls. We need more volunteers to undertake the difficult task of staffing our institutions. But, above all, we need more intelligent handling of children in our schools and our homes, and more playgrounds, youth clubs, workshops and community centres to keep the children off the streets.

Indo-China: A Way Out?

By CROSBY S. NOYES

PARIS, (NANA). — WHAT do the French really want in Indo-China?

Nearly everyone in France wants an end to the Indo-China war, but is it merely a symptom of fatigue or faintheartedness?

A few background facts:

1. The general military situation has been running steadily against the French over a seven-year period in spite of more material aid from the United States. The territory controlled by French Union troops is gradually shrinking. Of the two principal remaining beachheads, the Northern one, centred on Hanoi, is thoroughly infiltrated by the Communists. The enemy holds the initiative. Talk about a new and decisive offensive against the Communists is highly misleading.
2. The Vietminh forces, on the other hand, have improved steadily in quantity and quality. Material aid and technical advice from China has reached the point of real effectiveness, limited only by the unwillingness of Ho Chi Minh to get himself too deeply indebted to Peiping.
3. Few people still seriously hold to the hope of building up native Vietnam forces. Failure here, proved by desertion from the Vietnam army, has been political rather than military. The French-supported regime of Emperor Bao Dai is losing support rather than gaining it. Instead of serving as a rallying point for different Nationalist groups within the country, the present government is actually forcing these groups into the enemy camp in increasing numbers.

There is substantial agreement in France on these facts. There is wide disagreement over what should be done.

Prefer to Wait

The announced Paris policy is to delay negotiations for peace until the non-Communist forces are in a bargaining position. The great hope of the Geneva Conference was that China, in return for American concessions, might be persuaded to withdraw aid from Ho Chi Minh. This would not automatically mean defeat for the Vietminh. But it would certainly reverse the present trend and give the upper hand, both psychologically and military, to the French forces.

In this policy, the government has faced strong opposition from those who demand immediate direct negotiations with the enemy, feeling that if peace can be re-established and a single government formed for all Vietnam, the Communists would not necessarily take over. The issue of Nationalism vs. Colonialism raised by the active intervention of French troops would disappear. Communist influence would diminish, and France might cultivate friendlier groups.

This optimistic, but dangerous course recognizes the difficulties of trying to defeat Communism in Indo-China by military methods. In the last analysis, it appeals to the French much more than the idea of active intervention by the United States. If first reactions are any indication, the main effect of the new American calls for "united action" to save Indo-China from Communism has been to discourage hopes for the Geneva conference and strengthen the argument for direct talks.

Visitors' Gallery

M.P. from Canada

PROSPECTS for world peace are better now than at any time since 1948, Mr. John G. Diefenbaker, Q.C., Member of the Canadian Parliament, said in an interview in Jerusalem this week. Mr. Diefenbaker, foreign affairs expert in the opposition Progressive Conservative "shadow cabinet", is visiting Israel, as guest of the Hebrew University together with Mrs. Diefenbaker.

In his Midwestern drawl (he is from Saskatchewan), Mr. Diefenbaker attributes the favourable prospects for peace to the "realization among peoples and governments of the tremendous danger attending another war," in view of the recent super-bomb explosions.

U.N. Expert

The Canadian M.P., tall and distinguished-looking, characterized the Israel Permanent U.N. Representative, Mr. Abba Eban, as "one of the best men" in the U.N. Mr. Diefenbaker, who advised his party at the U.N.'s first conference in San Francisco in 1945, was a member of the Canadian Delegation to the world body in 1952.

The Conservative leader is a keen observer, switching occasionally from interviewee to interviewer, taking as copious notes as did this reporter. He described Israel's most interesting features as "the sense of mission of the people, their dedication to achieving Biblical destiny, and succeeding in the face of almost insurmountable odds."

His prairie background shows in his interest in agriculture. Israel's accomplishments in this field are especially remarkable, he feels, when one considers that some of Canada's worst land is "fertile" compared with stretches in the Negev.

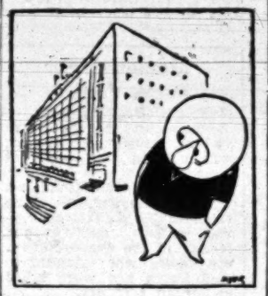
By the end of his visit, in ten days, he will have seen almost all of the country. He lauded the manner in which the University is conducting his visit.

Mr. Diefenbaker, a barrister, is particularly interested in the question of individual freedoms. (The late Canadian Prime Minister, W. L. Mackenzie King, once called Mr. Diefenbaker, a life-long political opponent, "the best liberal — with a small "l" — in the House"!) The fact that he is the leading proponent of the adoption of a Canadian Bill of Rights undoubtedly promoted Mr. King's observation.

Next week Mr. Diefenbaker is to lecture at the Hebrew University on freedom in the world today, with reference to the U.N. Declarations of Freedoms. He will deal with the restriction of human freedoms in democratic countries in consequence of the cold war.

Mrs. Diefenbaker, a most charming lady, plans to visit Hadassah institutions, in which she takes great interest.

SYD APPLEBAUM



"Eli says he can't understand how the party executive can object to anyone having a large flat."

Theatre Notes

Macbeth at Habimah

Habimah presents Macbeth by William Shakespeare. Hebrew: Ephraim Broido. Directed and designed by Sandro Malmquist.

DESPITE the magnificent modern setting which gives Sandro Malmquist's production of Macbeth at the Habimah a fluidity rarely achieved on the stage, the treatment of the play is essentially old-fashioned. There is little attempt to lay stress on the underlying psychological factors which turn an imaginative and thinking Macbeth into a man drunk with the lust for blood and power.

Macbeth had within himself the seeds of both good and evil and it was by his own free will that he chose to go the way he went. He listened eagerly to the voices of the three Witches, while Banquo and Lady Macbeth made very little of their forecasts: he did not resist very strongly his wife's urging to carry out the deeds which he had already devised within his heart.

Mr. Malmquist, in his interpretation of the play, lays emphasis on its violent and bloody aspects. The blood-stained warrior making his slow and painful way in the opening scene, the corpse-strewn stage, the hideous witches, Banquo's grotesque murderers, all set the tone for the savagery and violence of the drama. Macbeth's very make-up —his loop earrings and his dark skin—make of him a much more primitive character than his lines would seem to indicate.

The ease with which the ingenious and beautifully planned setting lends itself to a rapid change of scene was not taken full advantage of. Many of the individual scenes and tableau were strikingly beautiful, but there seemed to be a tendency to linger over their beauty rather than to use this ingeniousness to quicken the action and to develop the ever-growing tempo of Macbeth. Three and a quarter hours of playing time are far too long for a Macbeth that had been cut already.

Aharon Meskin was an impressive and tragic Macbeth. Unfortunately his voice is pitched on a very low key and has a very limited range, which does not make it possible to give full value to the constant change in mood and temper which Shakespeare's lines call for. Without getting the full value of each line with its light and shade, there can be little understanding of the struggle within Macbeth and none of the sympathy which he should command as a great figure of tragedy. Meskin's emotion seemed real enough, and he worked very hard to put its conflicts across, but the over-all effect was of a savage man driven entirely by passions.

Hanna Rovina in a brilliant red wig was a beautiful and completely satisfactory Lady Macbeth. Her restraint and control in most of her performance made the few scenes when she let herself go really impressive. The sleep-walking scene was very well done. Her Lady Macbeth was a woman of soaring ambition and little imagination. Macbeth had suffered all the tortures of the damned before he was driven to action, but once a deed was performed he could banish ghosts and his remorse and go from violence to violence. Not so with his wife, who could not visualize the consequences of her action and did not know how deep blood stains can soak in. Rovina put across the inflexibility and ruthlessness which together made Lady Macbeth's break with sanity understandable.

The large cast was generally competent rather than really inspired. Of all the characters, only Israel Becker, as Malcolm, reads his lines with flair and takes full advantage of their beauty. Shraga Friedman was acceptable as Banquo. Nahum Buchman was good as Macduff and Ari Warshaver made of Duncan a kindly king whose death might well be mourned. The three Witches were very well played by Hanna Hendler, Rachel Timor and Nava Shai.

It is difficult to judge the Hebrew after one hearing but the translation of Ephraim Broido sounded smooth and rhythmic. All of the well known and much quoted passages from Macbeth could be easily recognized in their Hebrew version, so that at times one forgot that it was not the original to which one was listening.

IDA B. DAVIDOWITZ

Readers' Letters

CIVIL SERVICE GRADING

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Although some months have passed since economists, statisticians and others in Government Service were awarded official recognition as "professionals" entitled to professional grading, they have not yet received the promised back-pay and re-grading.

One of the more anomalous effects of professional grading is to discriminate between the various forms of academic training, recognizing the academic qualifications of the economist in the service of the Treasury or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for example, while disregarding the qualifications of the graduate of Political Sciences or Islamic Studies in the Foreign Ministry or the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Without entering into the question of the advisability or justification of professional grading as such, I wish to draw attention to the arbitrary and contumelious discrimination whereby some university graduates in Government Service have been recognized as civil servants of professional qualifications while others are suffering the indignity of having their university degrees and training regarded as unworthy of that same recognition.

Yours, etc.,
E.E.S.

Tel Aviv, April 4.

INCOME TAX

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—In the past my relations with the Income Tax Department have been of the happiest. It determined my income and I paid according to its estimates. Although my earning power lagged behind their fertile imagination, I have so far been able to cover the difference by spending less; I am now sorry to tell that I am unable to continue this excellent arrangement.

Since I am self-employed (which means that nobody guarantees either my wages or my C.o.L.) my earnings have diminished through the past three years, but my "fancy earnings" have gone up to such an extent that my last income tax assessment was IL.413. The inspector was kind enough to tell me that he estimates my income on the basis of 12 working hours for 270 workdays a year. His explanation was, "All of you fellows work 12 hours a day." I could of course fight him in court, but the rub is that I cannot keep books, I am a mechanic, not a bookkeeper, and the earnings of a one-man business cannot pay for the services of a skilled accountant.

I hope you understand my dilemma. If I pay him IL.413 for the assessed year, I cannot meet my most elementary obligations towards my wife and four children. As I have no cash reserves, and as it thus follows that they will be my business partner in the foreseeable future, I would rather put a good face on what I shall have to do anyway. Therefore, I humbly propose as a way out of our mutual troubles that they acquire, free of charge, a 50 per cent interest in my business. They will pay me my monthly wages as a Grade AA mechanic, plus social benefits minus taxes. They will keep the books, and all profits above expenses will be shared half and half.

If they should not see fit to accept this fair and reasonable offer, I shall reluctantly be compelled to stop paying altogether and to close my workshop. It seems unlikely that I shall be able to obtain work in my profession, which is now passing through a difficult period. Should I remain unemployed, I, my wife, and three of my children will have to depend on charity, which will be very, very bad for the exchequer.

Yours etc.,
Th. ARNOLD

Binyamina, April 7.

MINISTRY'S EFFICIENCY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I refer to an article by Mrs. Gerda Luft which was published in your issue of March 28. We were surprised to read that your correspondent states that the Ministry of Social Welfare is one of the least efficient Ministries without basing this statement on facts. Therefore there is, to our regret, no basis for a discussion with Mrs. Luft, and she places us in a position where we cannot prove her wrong.

Your correspondent also states that personnel matters are dealt with, in this Ministry, on the basis of party considerations, and this statement can easily be disproved by us. The facts are that all key positions are occupied by professional workers who have been employed since the establishment of the Ministry.

We regret very much that your paper has published an article like this without making sure first whether the accusations against this Ministry are correct.

Yours, etc.,
EWI MERONI,
Public Relations Officer,
Ministry of Social Welfare
Jerusalem, April 3.

My references to the efficiency of the Ministry of Social Welfare were taken from the Report of the State Comptroller for the year 1952-53, pages 14 and 113, 114, 115.
GERDA LUFT

POINTS FROM LETTERS

BOTTLES.—The present method of closing *lebeniya* and cream bottles is completely unhygienic. The whole lip of the jar is exposed to dirt and defeats the purpose of pasteurizing the contents of the bottle. Until we adopt a more efficient method of sealing these bottles, I advise consumers to wash the rims well with soap and water before opening the bottle.

D. ALON

TEL AVIV TATTLE

ON the Wednesday before Passover I had to meet some acquaintances at two of the more spacious Tel Aviv hotels. I hadn't seen anything like it here before. The lounges were crowded; men and women with the look of foreigners were sitting around waiting to be met by Israelis; flowers were delivered; guests called for taxis; ladies gave another last look into a mirror and then joined impatiently waiting gentlemen for the ceremonial entrance into the dining hall. The elderly American from Texas drew particular attention from the crowd: he had exchanged his spurred, high-heeled pointed boots for some reddish ones which seemed to represent the most fashionable footwear worn at festive occasions in Houston or other points South.

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ABOVE the lounge, in a dimly lit conference room, Mr. Arnold M. Picker, Vice President of United Artists, on a publicity tour on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of his firm, told local exhibitors and pressmen that it was on April 17 that Charles Chaplin, Mary Pickford, D. W. Griffith and Douglas Fairbanks, in a fervent drive for independance, had founded "United Artists". He said that his firm was always determined to support and promote the spirit of independence in film-making and that, as a latest example of this policy, "United Artists" had declared themselves ready to promote and distribute the projected film on "The Life and Times of Chaim Weizmann" the scenario of which is now being prepared by Michael Powell and Arnold Pressburger, the two British producers who visited Israel last year.

About the new Chaplin film, Mr. Picker reported in the usual secretive manner. He announced that he had seen the artist at his Vevey residence some days ago and that Chaplin is writing and composing.

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THE only "civilian" in the bar, almost completely occupied by foreign aviators who had brought these hotel crowds safely to Lydda, was the American painter Mr. Harold Rotenberg. He appeared rather excited. On Saturday morning he was to open an exhibition of the paintings he had produced during the two months of his stay in Israel, and he hoped that his wife would arrive from the States in time to be present at the occasion; finally, like Mr. Picker, he too was to celebrate his first Seder in Israel on Saturday.

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AT the root of Rotenberg's excitement, however, was the fact that he had gone through his first studies in painting in Jerusalem's Bezalel School 30 years ago. Worst of all, his teacher at Bezalel, Raban, had insisted on making the opening speech at the exhibition — hence his retreat to the bar.

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ON Saturday, I checked another hotel. It is extremely well-managed, and although this, too, is overcrowded, it has an extremely bad reputation among its hundreds of guests. In short — I was at the Zoo. I wanted to study the atmosphere there after the unhappy escape of a number of monkeys.

Everything was completely normal: hundreds of visitors, and children collecting burst balloons from the ground. The tiny Squirrel Monkeys are kept in glass cages — but this has probably nothing to do with the "great escape." However, I was struck by the fact that members of the same family are kept in different parts of the grounds. For instance, I met a very elegant bird — "Stanley's Crane" (presented by Lady Rachel Ezra, of Calcutta) according to the sign on its cage. Another cage, some 100 metres away, is occupied by a "Demoiselle Crane". It looks almost exactly like Stanley's, just a bit more aristocratic perhaps.

Who might have called her "Demoiselle"? Father? Mother?

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